

# MINUTES

OF A

## SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE

### Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod

OF

### OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

HELD

AT COLUMBUS, FRIDAY, APRIL 22, A. D. 1853.

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## OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

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PRESIDENT,

REV. J. WAGENHALS,

Lancaster, Ohio.

SECRETARY,

REV. D. ROTHACKER,

Chippewa, Ohio.

TREASURER,

REV. C. SPIELMAN,

Columbus, Ohio.

## PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SYNOD.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TRINITY CHURCH,  
COLUMBUS, *Friday, April 22, 1853.* }

Pursuant to notice given by the Officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, the members assembled in a Special Convention, in the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church, at Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, April 22, 1853, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

### FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1853, }  
2 o'clock, P. M. }

The President, Rev. J. WAGENHALS, opened the session with singing and prayer.

The roll being called, the following members took their seats, viz:

#### I. OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.    | LAY DELEGATES.       | POST OFFICES.      |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. J. J. Fast.....   | A. Hildebrand .....  | Canton, Ohio.      |
| " A. B. Bierdeman..... | A. Simon.....        | New Lisbon, Ohio.  |
| " J. Nunemacher.....   | George Pfeifer ..... | Sagerstown, Pa.    |
| " W. Sigelen.....      | J. Hahn.....         | Petersburgh, Ohio. |
| " S. Baechler.....     | J. Elser.....        | North Lima, Ohio.  |

## II. OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.       | LAY DELEGATES.             | POST OFFICES.        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. J. Manning .....     |                            | Fultenham, Ohio.     |
| " E. Greenwald ... ..     | L. Heyl .....              | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| " D. Rothacker .....      | C Weygandt .....           | Chippewa, Ohio.      |
| " A. N. Bartholomew ..... |                            | Newcomerstown, O.    |
| " D. D. Swany .....       | G. Barrick .....           | New Cumberland, O.   |
| " D. Sparks .....         | J. C. Smith .....          | Germano, Ohio.       |
| Prof. A. Essick .....     |                            | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| Rev. G. Baughman .....    |                            | Euphemia, Ohio.      |
| " J. Rugan .....          |                            | Wooster, Ohio.       |
| Cand. G. Gaumer .....     |                            | Carrolton, Ohio.     |
| " M. M. Bartholomew ..... |                            | New Philadelphia, O. |
| " A. S. Bartholomew ..... | W. N. S. Bartholomew ..... | Fort Wayne, Ia.      |
| " P. F. Buehl .....       | Wm Weygandt .....          | Canal Fulton, Ohio.  |

## III. OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.       | LAY DELEGATES.   | POST OFFICES.        |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. J. Leist .....       |                  | Leistville, Ohio.    |
| " A. Henkel .....         | M. Mogel .....   | Germantown, Ohio.    |
| " J. Wagenhals .....      | J. Beck .....    | Lancaster, Ohio.     |
| " S. Kaemmerer .....      |                  | Adamsville, Ohio.    |
| " C. Spielman .....       | D. Stimmel ..... | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| Prof. W. F. Lehman .....  | P. Feller .....  | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| W. M. Reynolds, D D ..... |                  | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| Rev. G. Spaengler .....   | P. Leiter .....  | Sidney, Ohio.        |
| " J. C. Schulze .....     | T Hax .....      | Springfield, Ohio.   |
| " C. H. Albrecht .....    |                  | Thornville, Ohio.    |
| " P. H. Gast .....        | S. Rau .....     | Amanda, Ohio.        |
| " J. Hursh .....          |                  | North Clayton, Ohio. |
| " J. A. Doepken .....     |                  | Piqua, Ohio.         |
| " F. Zurmuehlen .....     |                  | Zanesville, Ohio.    |
| " M. Loy .....            |                  | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| " J. Weimer .....         | F. Wolf .....    | Somerset, Ohio.      |
| " J. Schafer .....        |                  | Bellefontaine, Ohio. |
| " H. Kœberlin .....       |                  | Mount Holly, Ohio.   |
| " C. Schadow .....        |                  | Piketon, Ohio.       |
| " J. J. Sutter .....      | G. Hofman .....  | Lancaster, Ohio.     |
| Cand. C. Friederich ..... | H. Witman .....  | Beaver, Ohio.        |
| " J. A. Schulze .....     |                  | Rossville, Ohio.     |
| Prof. D. Worley .....     |                  | Columbus, Ohio.      |
| Rev. H. G. Holm .....     |                  | — — —                |



## IV. OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.       | LAY DELEGATES.    | POST OFFICES.       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. J. J. Beilhartz..... | R. Bennighof..... | Tiffin, Ohio.       |
| " G. Cronenwett.....      |                   | Woodville, Ohio.    |
| " C. Adam.....            |                   | Sulphur Springs, O. |
| " V. Klein.....           | A. E. Dewalt..... | Norwalk, Ohio.      |
| " H. Lang.....            | J. Eberhart.....  | Fremont, Ohio.      |
| " J. Schladermund.....    |                   | Galion, Ohio.       |
| " B. Graetz.....          | V. Hoch.....      | New Washington, O.  |
| " J. Kranz.....           | G. Heibe.....     | Bucyrus, Ohio.      |
| " F. Hunsche.....         |                   | Mansfield, Ohio.    |
| " B. Pope.....            |                   | Wooster, Ohio.      |
| " H. Lasar.....           | Dr. Bodeman.....  | Marion, Ohio.       |
| Cand. A. Michaelis ..     |                   | Findlay, Ohio.      |
| " E. Kornbaum.....        | J. Stahl.....     | Rollersville, Ohio. |
| " J. Cronenwett.....      | J. Singer.....    | Savannah, Ohio.     |

The following members were absent:

## I. OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Rev. J. Mechling.....         | Greensburg, Pa.        |
| " C. G. Schweitzerbarth*..... | Zielenople, Pa.        |
| " H. E. Melsheimer.....       | Canton, Ohio.          |
| " W. A. Fetter.....           | Butler, Pa.            |
| " J. Zimmerman*.....          | Crawford's Mills, Pa.  |
| " F. C. Becker.....           | North Jackson, Ohio.   |
| " E. W. Braasch.....          | Jefferson Furnace, Pa. |
| " C. G. Stuebgen†.....        | Erie, Pa.              |
| " J. G. Hahn†.....            | Brady's Bend, Pa.      |
| " H. Huet.....                | Boardman, Ohio.        |
| " M. Kuchler.....             | Erie, Pa.              |
| " J. Hoelsche.....            | Canada.                |
| " G. Kranz.....               | London, Pa.            |
| " T. Hengist.....             | West Greenville, Pa.   |
| " J. G. Zeumer.....           | Pittsburgh, Pa.        |
| Cand. A. Yetter*.....         | Wabash, Ia.            |

## II. OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. J. A. Roof.....       | Circleville, Ohio. |
| " A. J. Weddel.....        | Somerset, Ohio.    |
| " W. Albach.....           | Carrolton, Ohio.   |
| " L. Rizer.....            | Cumberland, Md.    |
| Cand. J. K. Mellhorn*..... | Masontown, Pa.     |
| Rev. S. S. Klein.....      | Greentown, Ohio.   |

\* Excused.    † Deposed at last session of Eastern District.

## III. OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. H. Borchers..... | New Bremen, Ohio.    |
| " A. Doner .....      | Lima, Ohio.          |
| " A. Gockelen†.....   | Loudonville, Ohio.   |
| " H. Heincke* .....   | Miamisburgh, Ohio.   |
| " C. F. Kuhnert ..... | Mohicanville, Ohio.  |
| " J. Gruber.....      | Euphemia, Ohio.      |
| " G. Bartels* ...     | Zanesville, Ohio.    |
| " D. Crantz .....     | Weinsberg, Ohio.     |
| " J. Isensee* .....   | East Germantown, Ia. |
| " G. Reichert .....   | Zanesville, Ohio.    |
| " G. Grau .....       | Hamilton, Ohio.      |
| " C. F. Minner.....   | Zanesville, Ohio.    |
| Cand. J. G. Theiss .. | Richmond, Ia.        |

*St Marys*  
*(cf German as*  
*Mohicanville)*

## IV. OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. C. Wernle..... | Old Hickory, Ohio. |
| " A. F. Knape ..... | Defiance, Ohio.    |
| " A. Kleingees..... | Watertown, Wis.    |
| Cand. S. Sinke..... | Millwaukie, Wis.   |
| " A. Strauss.....   | Fort Wayne, Ia.    |

According to the established order of business, the President now read his report as follows:

## Annual Report.

## BELOVED BRETHREN:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the name of the Triune God, and with sincere gratitude for His gracious guidance, and the unmerited blessings which the good and faithful Shepherd of his flock has bestowed upon us, our congregations and institutions, let us commence the business of this Synod.

This convention of the Joint Synod has been called in conformity with the expressed wishes of three District Synods. The important subjects which will be presented to this Synod, for our deliberation and action, have already been publicly stated in our church papers; but as several of those subjects — *e. g.* the affairs of

\* Excused.      † Deceased.

our Seminary and University, our church papers, the revision of our congregational discipline, the English Hymn Book, the unfinished business of the last session of the Joint Synod, the report on the adoption of a revised constitution of the Synod—will be more extensively noticed in the reports of the Board of Directors and Trustees, and special committees appointed for that purpose, this report will have reference only to questions in regard to which communications have been received from other synodical bodies, or which, perhaps, not being noticed in other reports, may deserve the special attention of the Synod.

That our Evangelical Lutheran Church, here in the West, is greatly destitute of ministers, is a fact which experience has long since taught us, and which must be obvious to every attentive observer and friend of the church. But we must more especially deplore the paucity of such ministers of the church as are able to preach in both the German and the English languages, and thus answer the wants of our people.

To obviate this destitution, our Synod has established the literary and theological institutions now under her care, and we should exert all our influence that students who design devoting themselves to the holy office of the ministry may be sent to these institutions, and, if indigent, be supported there by the educational societies of the church.

But those who receive their literary and theological education at the expense of the church, should also be willing to submit to the plan of instruction which, for good reasons, has been prescribed by her. And if their hearts are animated with love and zeal for the cause of Christ, as they should be, they will improve every opportunity to qualify themselves to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus, our crucified Redeemer, to their fellow-travelers to eternity, in that language which will be most fully understood by them. And it must be obvious to every one who is acquainted with the peculiar condition of our church, in this country, that, in order to labor successfully as pastor, almost any where, it is indispensably necessary to be able to preach in the German as well as in the English language. The pastor who can impart instruction, counsel and consolation to the souls under his care, in their mother-tongue, will certainly be best qualified for the sacred and important duties of his

office; and if he is sent as a missionary into new and remote regions, where the population is generally a mixed one, consisting of Germans and English, how very necessary is it, in order to establish congregations, that he should be able to preach in both languages. Nor should we be satisfied if we can speak the English language with fluency, whilst we are able to express ourselves only very poorly in the German, because, perhaps, some, although they understand the English language very imperfectly, may, in their ignorant pride, pretend to comprehend an English sermon as well or even better than a German one; for to those who are better informed and who judge more correctly, a sermon in bad and crippled German will be as disagreeable and insipid as one in similar English.

I would therefore recommend that at least those students who prepare themselves for the ministry, and who are supported as beneficiaries by our Education Society, should be required diligently to study the German as well as the English language, during the preparatory course in the University, so that they will not only acquire a theoretical knowledge of these languages, but a practical command of them also, and be properly prepared to profit by the theological lectures in the Seminary, which are delivered in both languages.

As the Board of Trustees of Capital University have now succeeded in obtaining so suitable an agent as Bro. Lov, to complete the endowment of the presidency, provision should be made that he may, at the same time, take up subscriptions for the endowment of the German professorship in said Institution. Thus the desirable end could be accomplished to educate ministers who will properly meet our wants in the West, being qualified to proclaim the Word of God according to the doctrines of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in both languages, and satisfy both our English and German brethren.

A great portion of our population in this country will always immigrate from the East to the West, and from the West, so called twenty years ago, to the still more distant West. The members of various Christian denominations, with a few exceptions, are careful to settle together in the same vicinity, so that, if not from the very beginning, at least as soon as possible, they may be able to build their churches, conduct their worship according to their faith and



conviction, and co-operate for the promotion of religious interests. This is done also by many of our brethren in the faith who have of late emigrated from Europe; and it is an example worthy of praise and imitation. But many Lutherans, who are either born in this country, or have emigrated long since, if they remove, as they say, "to improve their condition and that of their children," choose the place of their future residence chiefly with reference to the fertility of the soil, and other external advantages, unconcerned whether their neighbors are of their faith or not; and only after the lapse of some time, when they feel the want of the preaching of God's word, the instruction of their children, and of the holy sacraments, long for pastors of their confession; and if their petitions for pastors cannot be immediately answered by the synods, they complain of the indifference of the synods in the cause of missions—perhaps even leave their church and pass over into the communion of sects to whom they are always very acceptable. If, in the beginning, such persons had been less anxious for temporal advantages, and more conscientiously solicitous for the spiritual and eternal welfare of themselves and their children, they would have located in settlements with brethren of the same faith, provided for schools and churches, and thereby made themselves and others happy. Much evil would thus have been prevented.

I have for years made it my duty to direct the attention of such as removed from my congregations to this matter. And we might in this respect do much good for the Home Missionary cause and our immigrating church members, should we earnestly urge them to have particular regard to schools and churches when they select a place for their future homes. Our Missionaries could thus labor more successfully, and flourishing congregations would be formed in many places where this cannot be expected while our brethren continue to locate themselves among other denominations in so scattered a way.

But it gives me sincere pleasure to observe also, that there are still many whose first care is their church, and who are ever solicitous, and labor with indefatigable zeal to build up new congregations, and thus extend the Kingdom of Christ. They are true fathers in Israel. And we and our congregations should therefore also exert ourselves to the utmost, to encourage and gladden their hearts, by

sending them faithful missionaries to bless and strengthen them with the bread and the water of life.

In the month of October, 1851, I received a very friendly letter from the Rev. C. R. Demme, D. D., of Philadelphia, in which he invited me, by request of the committee of the Synod of Pennsylvania for the revision of the Liturgy, to communicate to said committee any alterations I might wish to have made in our Liturgy, remarking, also, that the amendments already proposed through the "Standard," or imparted to him privately, would all be laid before the committee, and urgently inviting me to attend the meeting of the committee on the third of December.

The brethren residing in Columbus were immediately apprised of the contents of this letter, and sent me the alterations which they desired. In my answer to Dr. Demme, I informed him that our Synod, not having made any appointment for such a purpose, I was not authorized to meet with said committee, but communicated to him the alterations and amendments proposed by the brethren of Columbus.

In the month of October, 1852, the Rev. J. W. Richards, D. D., President of the Rev. Ev. Luth. Ministerium of Pennsylvania, also invited me or any other member of our Synod, authorized for that purpose, to attend a meeting of the committee on the Liturgy, on the 16th November of the same year. I also informed him that our Synod had not appointed any one as a member of that committee.

In answer to a private letter, the Rev. Dr. Demme gave me a full account of the whole procedure of the Pennsylvania Synod in reference to the Liturgy, stating that the Rev. Synod of Pennsylvania had not resolved that the Liturgy should be ready for the press by their next session, in 1853, and expressed the hope that our Synod would yet, at its next session, appoint a committee for the revision of the Liturgy. Upon consultation with several brethren, I answered him that, in our opinion, a committee should be appointed at the approaching extra session of the Ohio Synod, in Columbus, to co-operate with the committee of the Pennsylvania Synod and others in this important work.

It is now left to this Synod to dispose of this subject in such a way as may be deemed best. I believe, however, that it is a duty

we owe to the kind and brotherly invitation of the Synod of Pennsylvania, to appoint a committee for the promotion of this important undertaking, the publication of an improved Liturgy, which will be adapted to the present stand-point of our church.

In the month of October, 1852, I received an address to the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, signed by a committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, consisting of Rev. G. A. Reichert, Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D., and Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer; and in March last, also, a document of similar import, undersigned by the Rev. John N. Hoffman, President, and B. Sadtler, Secretary of the West Pennsylvania Synod, with the request to lay it before the Synod. They solicit us to take into consideration the propriety of a union with the "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in the United States."

I herewith present both these important documents to this body; and although I know that the members of the Synod here present have already maturely considered this subject, it having been extensively discussed in our church periodicals, I yet take the liberty of submitting a few remarks in relation to it.

No event, my brethren, could be more desirable and more conducive to the prosperity of our church in this western land, than a union of all Evangelical Lutheran Synods in one General Synod. Many of the now existing evils in our church might thereby be obviated or entirely removed. And if, as we have *one Bible*, we had *one Catechism*, *one Liturgy*, *one Hymn Book*, &c., in the German and the English language; and other books were prepared by orthodox ministers and laymen of the church, and carefully examined, and approved and published by the General Synod, much good might be effected. The necessary books and other church publications could be furnished with more facility and at lower rates. Our Home and Foreign Missionary Societies could operate more efficiently, and the influence of an intimate union of the church would, in every respect, be a salutary one. How much might not be effected by united and brotherly co-operation, and our church in America, how strong would she not grow in the Lord!

But a union of the church, in order to be permanent and accomplish all this, must not be a mere outward one; *one spirit*, *one mind* should animate the entire body. As we have one Lord and one



Baptism, so should we also have *one faith* and *one confession*. This confession the Evangelical Lutheran Church has most unequivocally expressed in her symbolical books.

Now, does the present "Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in the United States" faithfully adhere to this confession?

It is true that, if we consider its constitution according to § 3, section 2 of the 3d article, where it is said: "No General Synod can be allowed to introduce such alterations in matters appertaining to the faith, or to the mode of publishing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, (the son of God, and ground of our faith and hope,) as might in any way tend to burden the conscience of the brethren in Christ," we might justly conclude that "in matters appertaining to the faith no alterations should be introduced," &c.; and since we read on the title page of this document "Constitution of the General Synod of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church*," &c., we might arrive at the conclusion, that by the "matters appertaining to the faith," the *doctrines* are meant which are contained and taught in the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the symbol of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that *in these* no "such alterations should be introduced as might in any way burden the conscience of the brethren in Christ."

If, however, we may take it for granted that those who hold high and responsible offices in the General Synod, and who were present when its constitution was framed and adopted, are well acquainted with the spirit and tendency of that instrument, and that their views are approved by a great portion of the members of the General Synod, then we can, from several articles which have appeared in the "Lutheran Observer," rightfully draw the inference, that the General Synod either has no doctrinal basis at all, or that she does, at least, not apply it in practice.

Our union with this body will, therefore, if we wish to act conscientiously, be a matter altogether out of the question with us. Without appealing especially to the congregational constitution recommended by our Synod at Zeliennople, in 1833, in which it is said, Chap. I, Art. 1: "The duties of the teacher are principally the following: To preach the Gospel and to expound the word of God, in accordance with the doctrines of the symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," &c.; the Synod of Ohio has re-



solved, at its session in Lancaster, 1836, "that this Synod will strictly adhere to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession." At the Synod of Columbus, 1848, it was resolved, "that the Ministerium herewith receives the symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and obligates itself to teach in accordance therewith, because they correctly exhibit the doctrines of the sacred Scriptures, and that, in future, all applicants and candidates for the ministry shall be examined in them and obligated upon them." The constitution of our Ministerium, Chap. VII, § 4, also says: "The candidate to be received (into this Ministerium) must acknowledge the symbolical books of our Evangelical Lutheran Church as a faithful exposition of the word of God, and promise to teach in accordance thereto." In the constitution of our Seminary, Art. III, § 2, "No clergyman, however, can be elected as a Director who does not belong solely to the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio, or does not believe, teach and practice the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as they are contained in the symbolical books of said church." And in Art. IV, § 1, "The teachers must profess pure Lutheran principles, as they are contained in the symbolical books of the Lutheran Church."

To enter into a mere outward union with the General Synod, in the hope of giving it the desired character afterwards by a majority of votes, would be very unfair and unchristian; for a genuine brotherly union in Christ should not and cannot be effected by coercion or a majority of votes, but only by a conviction of the truth; and if this be not the case, every other union will be merely transient and without any real blessings.

But it is a duty we owe to our congregations, in so important a matter, to hear them also and have regard to their wishes; for we are not lords over God's heritage, but examples to the flock. 1 Pet. 5; 3.

Brethren, we are the ministers of Christ! Let us, especially on this occasion, think, speak and act as such! Soon must we retire from the stage of action in this world, and appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to "give an account of our stewardship." Let us therefore do our duty as those who are responsible to the Lord. May we faithfully preserve for ourselves and our children the confession delivered to us by the Fathers, live by our faith, and persevere in following our divine Master to the end. Amen.

JOHN WAGENHALS.

The President then tendered to the Synod the resignation of his office; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the resignation of the President be not accepted.

The Secretary also tendered to the Synod the resignation of his office; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to withdraw his resignation;

Which he did.

On account of the amount of his labors, the Secretary, at the suggestion of the President, accepted Rev. J. J. SUTTER as assistant.

Rev. F. SCHIEDT, of Cincinnati, and H. FAIRCHILD, of Indiana, were introduced to Synod, and received as advisory members.

After some deliberation, it was

*Resolved*, That so much of the President's Report as has reference to the General Synod be given into the hands of one Committee, and the remainder into the hands of another.

Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1853, }  
9 o'clock, A. M. }

The session was opened with singing and prayer, as were all the subsequent sessions, and closed with prayer.

The President appointed the following committees:

The first committee, consisting of Dr. A. B. BIERDEMAN, Pastor A. HENKEL, Dr. REYNOLDS and the Delegates, BARRICK and RAU; on that part of the President's report having reference to the General Synod.

The second committee, consisting of the Rev. C. SPIELMAN, G. CRONENWETT and M. LOY, and the delegates, M. MOGEL and WM. WEYGANDT.

The third committee, on letters, Rev. J. J. FAST, P. GAST and D. SPARKS.

The Report of the Directors of the Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, was now read, as follows:

#### REPORT ON THE LUTHERAN SEMINARY AT COLUMBUS.

With heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, we herewith submit to the favorable consideration of the Synod, our report on our Theological Institution. Under the special protection and guidance of the Lord, its operations during the last two years have been crowned with the richest blessings. The number of students, it is true, was not as large as was desirable, and the condition of the church demands; yet during the above period, seven of its pupils have entered as laborers into the vineyard of the Lord. The average number of students during the last two years did not exceed eight, which number might, by more earnest consideration, and more faithful performance of our duty, and by active co-operation of all the parts of our widely extended Synodical district, easily be increased to twice the above number, and thus the scattered fold of Jesus, so numerous in this country, be better collected and led to the refreshing water of life.

Two years ago, the Synod was informed of the sale of the former Seminary property in the southern part of the city of Columbus, and of the purchase of an eligible school edifice and four acres of land on the east side of the city. The considerations of health, and the building up of Capital University, then established, led the Board of Directors to this step. This school building has since been occupied by the Seminary and College. Said four acres of land were, by the Seminary Board, conveyed for occupancy, under certain legal conditions, including the right of reversion, to the University Board. After the lapse of about a year, the University Board found itself induced to suggest to the Board of Directors a removal to the north part of the city.

Dr. Goodale proposed presenting to the Institution an eligibly situated lot of four acres of ground, on condition that the Institution be removed thither. After serious and mature deliberation on all the circumstances herewith connected, as to healthfulness, the prosperity of the University, and the Seminary title, the Board of Directors felt constrained to relinquish to the University Board the above four acres of land for the four acres donated by Dr. Goodale on the north side of the city, upon which the Board of Directors conveyed to the University Board the latter four acres for occupancy, with the same reservation as the former. Subsequently the University Board sold the four acres on the east side of the city, which originally cost six thousand dollars, for more than double this amount, wherewith, together with the liberal contributions of the



citizens of Columbus, (among whom Dr. Goodale deserves honorable and grateful mention,) the Board was enabled to erect the elegant and well arranged University building free of debt.

By the sale of the former Seminary property, and the advantageous appropriation of the funds, the Directors have succeeded in funding one Theological Professorship. In reference to the condition of the Treasury, and pecuniary circumstances, the Treasurer's report will give more particular information. In accordance with the resolution of the Synod at its last session, in 1851, that the constitutional arrangement in reference to the nomination of candidates for Directorship be so changed that it be no longer in the hands of the Board, but as formerly; this has been attended to.

In the internal management of the Seminary, in reference to Doctrine, and the German and English languages, the Board, as well as Professor Lehman in his lectures, have adhered to the established regulations.

In conclusion, the Board begs leave to request the Synod, if possible, to do something towards enlarging the Seminary Library. The demand for suitable books, especially sound Theological works, is constantly becoming more pressing, inasmuch as our indigent students are unable to procure them themselves. The Board has recently done something in this matter, but the means at command did not allow them to do what the importance of the subject demands. Convinced that the Synod is disposed to do whatever may be necessary in this matter, we desire once more to direct attention to the urgency of this subject.

C. SPIELMAN, Secretary.

COLUMBUS, April 22, 1853.

*Resolved*, That this Report, together with all other matters relative to the Seminary and University, be referred to a committee of three.

Rev. BEILHARTZ, A. N. BARTHOLOMEW, and J. C. SCHULZE were appointed said committee.

*Resolved*, That in future the Secretary, bring with him to each Convention of this Synod, a complete list of the names of all the members in connection with this body.

Rev. D. HENKEL, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee, appeared, and was admitted to a seat and vote in this convention.

Adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock A. M., April 25.



## DIVINE SERVICE AND LORD'S SUPPER.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24.

On Saturday at 2 o'clock, P. M., Divine Service was held, and sermons, preparatory to the Lord's Supper, were delivered in both the German and English Lutheran Churches.

On Lord's Day morning at an early hour, the churches were crowded with hearers, where sermons were preached, and the Lord's Supper administered, in which the members of Synod and the respective congregations participated.

During the sessions of Synod, Divine service was held in both churches nearly every evening.

May the blessing of the Lord rest upon ministers and congregations, and prepare them ultimately to participate in the joys and glory of the Lamb of God in Heaven. Amen.

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## THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1853, }  
10 o'clock, A. M. }

The Rev. Dr. C. R. DEMME, Delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, appeared in Synod, and was admitted to a seat and vote.

The Rev. J. RUGAN, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York, also appeared in Synod, and was received as an advisory member.

At the request of Synod, the Rev. delegate from the Synod of Pennsylvania now read a series of resolutions

adopted by said Synod at its last session, and having reference to this body. It was then

*Resolved*, That said resolutions of the Synod of Pennsylvania be referred to the committee into whose hands was given that part of the President's Report which related to the General Synod.

Several other documents, handed in by Rev. Dr. DEMME, were also submitted to the same committee.

The second committee reported, and it was

*Resolved*, That the report of committee No. 2 be taken up for discussion.  
*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

#### FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1853,  
 2 o'clock, P. M. }

#### REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, to which was referred a part of the President's Report, respectfully submit the following:

In that portion of this excellent, churchly and sound document submitted to us, the attention of this body is directed to three different subjects.

- A. TO OUR INSTITUTIONS.
- B. TO INNER MISSIONS.
- C. TO THE LITURGY.

Fully concurring with the views of the Rev. President, here expressed, on these subjects, the committee offer the following resolutions:

##### A. IN REFERENCE TO OUR INSTITUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the utmost exertions should be made in order to fund the second, or German Professorship, in our newly established University, hitherto so signally blessed by the Great Head of the Church.

*Resolved*, That all the students in the College who are preparing for the Ministerial Office, be earnestly advised to learn the German language, not only theoretically, but also practically: and that the Beneficiaries of the Education Society be obligated to do so; which is and must also be the case with regard to the English language.

*Resolved*, That the Faculty of the College be respectfully requested to give Synod information relative to the course pursued in reference to the above.

[Professors Lehman and Reynolds gave the desired information.]

#### B. WITH REGARD TO HOME MISSIONS.

*Resolved*, That we cordially recommend to all our church members who emigrate to other sections of the country, in selecting a new home, not to make temporal advantages their first object, but chiefly to look to church connections, and as far as possible locate together, in order to organize themselves into congregations, and call pastors of our Church, who can serve them with the Gospel and the Sacraments.

As this Synod has no Missionary Society or Missionary Treasury under its control, we would suggest that the Missionary Societies of the District Synods be requested, as soon as possible, to send out one or more competent Missionaries among our scattered brethren, to gather and organize them into congregations.

With the above report were also handed us two copies of the Minutes of the first Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, from which we learn with pleasure that this newly formed body is based upon the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that they are zealously engaged in building up the Kingdom of Christ among the numerous Germans who have settled in that State. These brethren appear to labor under great difficulties, and whilst we implore the blessing and protection of the Lord in their behalf, we would recommend them to the patronage of our Missionary Societies, provided their means will allow them to do any thing for them.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four members be appointed, consisting of officers of the Missionary Societies of the District Synods, to report to this Synod, at its next Convention, a plan exhibiting in what manner the funds collected for Home Missions may be expended in the most advantageous manner.

#### C. IN RELATION TO THE LITURGY.

What is said on this subject has reference to a new edition of the Liturgy, published by the Synods of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. The President directs the attention of Synod to several letters received from Reverends Dr. Demme and Dr. Richards, bringing the pleasing intelligence that this work is undergoing a thorough revision; and that several alterations suggested by members of the Western and Eastern Districts of this Synod, received the attention of the respective committees of the Synods of Pennsylvania and New York.

The Synod of Ohio is also respectfully requested to co-operate in this important enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

C. SPIELMAN, Chairman.  
G. CRONENWETT,  
M. LOY,  
M. MOGEL,  
W. WEYGANDT.

At the request of Synod, the Rev. Dr. Demme, Delegate of the Synod of Pennsylvania, now read some of the contemplated amendments to the Liturgy, in order to show in what manner the work of amendment has been performed. It was now

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with Dr. Demme in relation to amending the Liturgy.

The President appointed the following persons said committee, viz: Pastors Beilhartz, Spielman, Prof. Lehman, Sparks and Loy.

Adjourned until half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1853, }  
8½ o'clock, A. M. }

The attention of Synod was now directed to a Mission among the Indians of Michigan.

In reference to this subject it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed, to bring the subject of a Mission among the Indians of Michigan before this body.

The President appointed Messrs. G. CRONENWETT, F. A. DOEPKEN and W. SIGELEN said committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Seminary was now read, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.



## REPORT OF SEMINARY TREASURER.

*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by the Treasurer of the German Lutheran Seminary at Columbus, from April 22, 1851, to April 22, 1853.*

|                                                                                                              |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total amount of receipts from all sources, including amount paid over by late Treasurer, April 22, 1851..... | \$19,221 02½        |
| Total amount of disbursements.....                                                                           | \$8,334 27          |
| “ “ loans .....                                                                                              | 10,728 00 19,062 27 |
| Balance of cash in Treasurer's hands, April 22, 1853,                                                        | <u>\$158 75</u>     |

It should be remarked that of the above amount of loans \$1,078 00 do not belong to the Seminary, but were borrowed by the Board some two months previous to the sale of their property south of Columbus, and upon the sale of that property, as the Institution could no longer use the money profitably, the loan was transferred to an individual. Of the residue of loans \$3,500 00 is yielding 10 per cent. per annum; \$3,000, 8½ per cent. per annum; and the remainder 8 per cent. per annum. In addition to these sums there had been previously loaned \$600 00, now bearing 8 per cent., and \$100,00, bearing 6 per cent. interest per annum. Pursuant to the order of the Board at their meeting in January last, their stock in the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad, amounting to \$5,000 00, was sold at a net advance of 24½ per cent., amounting, with principal, to \$6,234 88. A dividend of 5 per cent. had just previously been paid into the Treasury. The loans have, it is believed, all been fully secured by either mortgage on real estate or good personal security.

The present financial condition of the Institution may be stated as follows:

|                                                                         |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Money on hand .....                                                     | \$158 75           |
| Amount at interest .....                                                | 10,850 00          |
| Rents due from City High School (say) .....                             | 80 00              |
| Interest due on loans.....                                              | 232 13             |
| Certificate of stock in Columbus and Granville Plank Road .....         | 500 00             |
| Estimated value of real estate, which may be sold within next year..... | 3,500 00           |
| Total .....                                                             | <u>\$15,820 00</u> |
| The whole indebtedness of the institution is less than                  | 200 00             |

Which deducted from above, leaves..... \$15,620 88

A large amount of the original subscriptions are still unpaid. Much of it will never be paid. But it is believed some may yet be collected, as \$586 96 have been collected within the last two years. In addition to the above the Seminary has secured to itself sufficient

accommodations in the new University building in which it is to have at least one lecture room, library room, and lodging rooms for students. It will be seen that the present annual income of the Institution is over \$900 00, and when the building and lot on Town street shall be sold, will be not far from \$1,400 00. Looking back at the trials and pecuniary difficulties which God has enabled our Institution to surmount, and comparing its present prosperous condition with its former state, we have certainly good reason for congratulation to its friends, and for grateful praise to the Great Head of the Church, for His goodness and loving kindness, so bountifully bestowed upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS HEYL, Treasurer.

To the Board of Directors of the  
German Lutheran Seminary.

The committees appointed by the Western and Northern District Synods to report to this Convention on the revision of the Constitution for Congregations, were allowed to report to this body. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That this report be taken up by sections.

Adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1853, }

3 o'clock, P. M. }

After the session was opened, the Synod continued its deliberations on the amended Constitution for Congregations; this being gone through with, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report on the revision of the Constitution for Congregations be adopted.

The report is as follows:

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

The undersigned were appointed by the Western District Synod, at its session held at Dayton, Ohio, in 1852, to revise the discipline some years since recommended by the Synod to its congregations,

and to suggest such changes and additions as they might deem proper. This duty we herewith discharge, in laying before the Synod, subject to its pleasure, the following amended form of the discipline.

It should also be recommended to congregations having Constitutions in connection with other denominations, to change these Constitutions as soon as may be, and in "*articles of agreement*" with those who have a share with them in their church property, to insert only such matters as have reference to their possession and use of the church property which they hold in common.

Finally, we would yet remark that there is not so much reason, in many congregations, to complain of the want of a church discipline, as of lukewarmness and carelessness in its administration. We would therefore recommend to the proper authorities more decision and conscientiousness in the exercise of discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WAGENHALS,  
WM. M. REYNOLDS,  
C. SPIELMAN.

*Resolved*, That the revised Constitution for Congregations be appended to the Minutes, (See Appendix B.) and that a number of copies be printed separately.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1853, }

9 o'clock, A. M. }

The committee on Correspondence appointed by this Synod at its last session, held at Canton, Ohio, now reported.

*Resolved*, That the Report be received for deliberation.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The committee of Correspondence would respectfully report, that they have exchanged several letters from a similar committee (of which the Rev. A. C. Preus is Chairman,) of the Evangelical Lutheran Norwegian Synod of Wisconsin and adjacent States. It has given your committee great pleasure to ascertain the friendly and fraternal feelings of those brethren towards the Synod, of which the letter of which a translation is herewith submitted, will be a sufficient proof. We are also rejoiced to learn, by our intercourse



with them, as well as by the spirit of a monthly paper, called the "Maanedstidende," and published by the ministers of this Synod, that these brethren are not only firmly attached to the Evangelical doctrines of our Church, but also actively engaged in every good work, and intent in every proper way, to build up the people to whom they minister in all that belongs to the Christian life.

We have had some correspondence with them relative to co-operation with us in the support and management of our Institutions in this place, with a special reference to the wants of our Scandinavian population in this country, and also in reference to co-operation with our Synod in our common interests generally. To all this we find them favorably inclined, but the incomplete state of their Synodical organization, (in reference to which they act with more than usual caution,) and their want of thorough acquaintance with the condition of the Church generally in this country, to inform themselves in regard to which they are taking especial pains, has hitherto prevented any definite action on their part. They have a committee charged with this especial subject, some members of which we had reason to hope would favor us with their presence on this occasion, and from whom we hope ere long to ascertain the possibility of an efficient co-operation of the two Synods in the important work of furnishing our Norwegian brethren in this country with an adequate supply of ministers, of such a character as they will here require. In the mean time we rejoice to observe that the Synod has, within the last year, been greatly strengthened by the arrival of several additional ministers from Norway, who seem to be laboring with zeal and success in their several missions. The Synod now consists of seven ministers, (most of whom have been thoroughly trained in the University of Christiana, in Norway,) and over thirty congregations, with several thousand communicants, and a large and constantly increasing population attendant upon their ministry.

Your committee would recommend the continuance of this correspondence, as they trust that it may be for the common good of the church, as well as of the Synods respectively.

They would also suggest the propriety of opening a correspondence with the German Evangelical Lutheran Synods of Wisconsin and Texas, both with a view to express our brotherly regard for those Synods, which stand upon the same confessional basis with our Synod, and also in reference to the work of Domestic Missions, for which the ground occupied by those Synods, both of which have been but recently organized, presents so important a field.

Respectfully,

W. M. REYNOLDS,

C. SPIELMAN,

A. J. WEDDEL.

*Resolved*, That this Report, with the accompanying suggestions, be adopted.

*Resolved*, That the same Corresponding Committee be continued.



The committee appointed by the Synod at Canton, to "report amendments to our Synodical Constitution, to this body at its next session," now reported; when it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the committee on Amendments to our Synodical Constitution be taken up for discussion by sections.

After some deliberation, it was

*Resolved*, That the first part of the Report, i. e. the introduction to the amended Synodical Constitution, be adopted.

After a free discussion of the Report, it was

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the Report, i. e. the Amended Constitution, be adopted.

*Resolved*, That the entire Constitution as amended be printed. (See Appendix A.)

*Resolved*, That Brother Siegelen and the delegate from his congregations have leave of absence.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1853,  
2 o'clock, P. M. }

The committee appointed to confer with Dr. DEMME, delegate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, on the revision of the Liturgy, now reported.

*Resolved*, That this Report on the Liturgy be received for deliberation.

After some deliberation on this subject;

Adjourned until evening at 8 o'clock.

## NINTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,  
8 o'clock. }

After the session had been opened, in the usual manner, the Synod proceeded in its deliberations on the Liturgy.

*Resolved*, That the committee of the Synod of Pennsylvania on the Liturgy, be requested to insert after the first Formula in the distribution of the Lord's Supper, and in the second also, "Take and eat; this is the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c," "Take and drink; this is the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is shed for you, for the remission of sins."

*Resolved*, That said committee of the Synod of Pennsylvania be further requested to insert in the Preface to the Liturgy, the following: Whereas, a majority of the Synod of Ohio do not feel satisfied with the first form for the distribution of the Lord's Supper, the second was also added. (Or,) This Formula not meeting the views of a majority of the Synod of Ohio, the second Formula is added, at their request.

*Resolved*, That the entire Report be adopted.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY.

The committee respectfully report, that they have several times conferred with the delegate of the Synod of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Demme, and after various consultations, present the following as the result of their deliberations. Of course, in so short a time, and in their frequently interrupted conferences, they found it impossible to refer to everything that will be embodied in the new Liturgy. The committee therefore necessarily confined themselves in questions and deliberations, to the most important Formulas that are to appear in the new edition, and which will be either entirely new or considerably changed. Upon the whole, we all agree in saying that we are well pleased with the new work in general, that it is an important advance and gain, and that the readiness of the Reverend Synod of Pennsylvania to accede as far as possible to the wishes expressed by the members of this Synod, deserves to be gratefully acknowledged. On one point, however, which seems to your committee to be of great importance, it was only after the most protracted consultation, that we could arrive at a satisfactory and unanimous result; namely, in regard to the desired omission of the existing form of distribution: "Our Lord Jesus Christ saith," &c., and the insertion of the form: "Take and eat, this is the body," &c. After a mutual and candid interchange of views, the committee however unanimously resolved to lay the subjoined proposition before the Synod.

We would finally remark, that after so brief a consideration of this subject, confined as it necessarily was, to the main points, we are far from regarding our judgment as mature and thorough. Indeed, so important a matter is not only worthy of a thorough consideration, but it is also self evident that it requires time for such consideration to become accurate and mature. Hence, in saying that the work before us, as a whole, made a very favorable impression upon us, we do so with the above qualification.

The proposition of the committee is, that the following be added as a note to the present form of distribution, on the lower margin of the same page. "This form not meeting the views of a majority of the Synod of Ohio, the second form was added, at their request." The second form to follow. Among the numerous propositions dis-

cussed in committee, this is the only one they were able unanimously to present.

It was their aim in this matter to do justice to truth, to equity, and to charity.

Respectfully,

J. J. BEILHARTZ,  
C. SPIELMAN,  
D. SPARKS.  
M. LOY,  
W. F. LEHMAN,

*Committee.*

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to communicate to the committee of the Synod of Pennsylvania on the Liturgy, the above resolutions in reference thereto, and further confer with them in regard to this matter.

Synod appointed the President, J. WAGENHALS, Professor LEHMAN and Pastor E. GREENWALD, said committee.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.

## TENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1853, }  
8 o'clock. A. M. }

The session being opened, the committee to which was referred the affairs of the University, and the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Theological Seminary, now presented the following :

### REPORT ON OUR LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

Your committee, to which was referred the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of our Theological Seminary, and a document relating to the University, learns from them with joy and heartfelt gratitude toward our kind and merciful God and Father, that the work of our hands has been crowned with his blessing, and with great prosperity. The reports in regard to the Seminary being of great interest to the whole Church, your committee, without making further remarks on them, would advise the adoption of the following propositions :

1. That these reports be embodied in the Minutes of this Synod.



2. That all who can afford any aid in collecting the funds due to the University and the Seminary, be requested to do so.

3. That all the members of this body be requested to labor for the *increase of the Seminary Library, by the addition of sound Lutheran works.*

In reference to the University in general, we would further remark,

That this Institution has been in regular operation ever since the time of its opening, and the number of its pupils has continued steadily to increase, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which it has labored from the want of a suitable building in which to lodge the students who resort to it from abroad. This has been the more sensibly felt in consequence of the rapid growth of the city of Columbus within the last two years. Though severely visited by cholera for two successive years, Columbus has recently grown with a rapidity scarcely paralleled in any part of the prosperous State of which it is the capital. In consequence of this, the price of rent and of provisions has been increased beyond our anticipations, so as to render it difficult to obtain suitable boarding for our young men upon terms at all correspondent to their moderate means. But the erection of our commodious edifice, the connection of all parts of the State with this, its centre, by means of the numerous railroads which are here brought together, as well as the rapid improvement of the fertile and virgin soil by which we are here surrounded, cannot fail to remove these difficulties, and to enable us to educate our young men as economically at this point as any where else in the State of Ohio.

The building, which is now rapidly approaching its completion, is 156 feet long, three stories high, (with two towers, one of which is four and the other five stories high,) besides a basement, and contains between fifty and sixty rooms. It is undoubtedly one of the handsomest of the various public buildings that adorn the city of Columbus, and enjoys advantages of situation peculiar to itself. We trust that its spacious halls and comfortable rooms for the accommodation of our studious youth will be well filled during the approaching winter session, which is to commence on the first of September next. In order that this may be done, it is only necessary that we should let our friends and the public know that there is no institution in the West where their sons can be educated to greater advantage.

The Faculty of the College remains as heretofore, and its members generally have been faithfully devoting themselves to the important work in which they are engaged.

The efforts for the endowment of the Institution, which were commenced with so much vigor and success, have, unfortunately, been in a great measure suspended for the last year. This was owing, first, to the difficulty of obtaining suitable agents, and secondly, to the necessity of raising funds for the erection of the building. Dr. Reynolds was detained in Columbus not only by this and the state of his health, which prohibited him from traveling for



upwards of a year, but also by the necessity of his taking part in the instruction of the Institution. Notwithstanding this, the first fifteen thousand dollars for the endowment of professorships have been raised in accordance with the plan originally proposed, as will be seen by the following list of subscriptions, to which we have also appended the payments up to the first of June, 1853:

| From whom received.                                                                | Subscribed. | Paid.      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Rev. J. Wagenhals' charge, Lancaster, &c., Ohio ....                               | \$505 00    | \$178 00   |
| " A. J. Weddel's charge, Somerset Ohio .....                                       | 563 00      | 7 00       |
| " E. Greenwald's charge, (now M. M. Bartholomew) New Philadelphia, &c., Ohio ..... | 1,408 75    | 254 41     |
| " L. Rizer's charge, Canton, Ohio .....                                            | 100 00      | 19 00      |
| " C. Albrecht's charge, Thornville, Perry co., O...                                | 1,472 00    | 270 00     |
| " H. Lang's charge, Fremont, Sandusky co., O...                                    | 1,396 00    | 324 50     |
| " J. J. Beilharz's charge, Tiffin, Seneca co., O...                                | 819 00      | 251 25     |
| " C. Spielman's charge, Franklin co., Ohio .....                                   | 253 00      | 101 00     |
| " J. Mechling's charge, Greensburg, Westmoreland co., Pa. ....                     | 479 00      | 208 35     |
| " S. Kaemmerers's charge, Muskingum co., Ohio.                                     | 408 00      | 139 90     |
| " B. Pope's charge, Wooster, Wayne co., Ohio...                                    | 517 00      | 106 00     |
| " D. Rothacker's charge, Chippewa, Wayne co., O.                                   | 748 00      | 251 80     |
| " G. Baughman's charge, Euphemia, Preble co., O.                                   | 606 00      | 223 00     |
| " J. Gruber's charge, do do                                                        | 193 00      | 157 00     |
| " G. Spaengler's charge, Sidney, Shelby co., O...                                  | 464 00      | 43 00      |
| " J. G. Schaeffer's charge, Bellefontaine, Ohio....                                | 430 00      | 63 00      |
| " A. N. Bartholomew's charge .....                                                 | 187 00      | 66 00      |
| " G. Bassler's charge, Butler co., Pa. ....                                        | 188 00      | 54 50      |
| " C. G. Schweizerbarth's charge, Zelienople, Pa...                                 | 122 00      | 15 50      |
| " J. Manning's charge, Muskingum co., Ohio....                                     | 1,055 00    | 316 25     |
| " Prof. Lehman's charge, Columbus, Ohio .....                                      | 300 00      | —          |
| " G. Cronenwett's charge, Woodville, Ohio .....                                    | 514 50      | 219 02     |
| " J. Isensee's charge, East Germantown, Ia. ....                                   | 88 00       | 9 00       |
| " I. Hursch's charge .....                                                         | —           | 49 49      |
| " J. G. Theiss's charge, Richmond, Ia. ....                                        | 119 50      | 18 00      |
| " G. Doepken's charge, Piqua, Ohio .....                                           | 112 00      | 38 25      |
| " F. Hunsche's charge, Mansfield, Ohio .....                                       | 421 35      | —          |
| " J. Krauss's charge, Bucyrus, Ohio .....                                          | 391 50      | 151 00     |
| " R. Gratz's charge, Crawford co., Ohio .....                                      | 561 30      | 104 00     |
| " J. J. Schladermundt's charge, Sandusky, O...                                     | 145 00      | 10 00      |
| " C. Adam's charge, Marion, Ohio .....                                             | 258 00      | 10 00      |
| " S. Tuerk's charge, Crawford co., Ohio .....                                      | 211 75      | 34 00      |
| " A. Doner's charge, Allen co., Ohio .....                                         | 435 00      | 29 00      |
| " S. Bächler's charge .....                                                        | —           | 62 00      |
| " V. Klein's charge, Norwalk, Ohio .....                                           | —           | 8 87       |
| Mr. A. Nigh .....                                                                  | 15 00       | 5 00       |
| Dr. B. Kurtz, Baltimore, Md. ....                                                  | —           | 10 00      |
| Miss Jenny Lind, (now Madame Goldschmidt,) ....                                    | 1,500 00    | 1,500 00   |
| Total .....                                                                        | \$16,986 65 | \$5,307 09 |

Your committee would direct attention to the importance of collecting these subscriptions without delay. Considerable time has already elapsed since many of them were made, and the amounts paid on most of them are less than the terms call for. It is well

known how dangerous delays in such matters are, and how great loss is thus incurred. Most of the subscribers would, we presume, be willing to pay all that is now due, in one or two instalments, if the matter were properly presented to them.

We are pleased to learn that our friends in Sweden are taking measures to fill up the Scandinavian Professorship, to which Madam GOLDSCHMIDT has made so liberal a donation; and we trust that our friends in this country will see the importance of co-operating heartily in this important work.

The Board of Trustees have also resolved to commence the subscriptions for the endowment of the German Professorship. They have been so fortunate as to procure the services of the Rev. M. Lox, as agent; and with suitable effort we doubt not that this work can be readily accomplished. Of its importance we need say nothing; and we shall be greatly disappointed if our ministers and people do not take a vigorous hold of this work and accomplish it without delay, and with that cheerfulness which its intimate relation to their wants and wishes should naturally inspire.

In conclusion, we would suggest that the Synod should commend anew the Institution, and all that is connected with its progress and prosperity, to the prayers and liberal support, and constant attention of our ministers and people. It is full of hope to the Church and to the world, and the most natural source to which, under God, we can look for the liberal education of our children and for the supply of the Church with those laborers in the ministry, and elsewhere, which she so much needs. Let us not then grow weary in our efforts to establish it upon a proper basis, and to extend and enlarge its usefulness, as we are assured that this, "*our work and labor in the Lord*," shall not be in vain. "*Feed my lambs*," was a command given not only to Peter, but to all who, like Peter, would show their love to Christ and to his cause.

Respectfully,

J. J. BEILHARTZ,  
J. C. SCHULZE,  
A. N. BARTHOLOMEW.

It was also adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Directors of the Seminary be requested annually to appropriate a certain amount to the purchase of books for the Seminary Library.

The first committee, to which was referred that part of the President's Report relative to the General Synod, together with all other documents having reference to this subject, now reported; when it was

*Resolved*, That this Report be received for discussion.

Pastors G. SPAENGLER, V. KLEIN, A. MICHAELIS; and Lay

Delegate A. J. DEWALT, were appointed a committee to report on letters.

Adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

## ELEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1853,  
1½ o'clock, P. M. }

The session being opened as usual, the Synod proceeded in its deliberations on the report in reference to that part of the President's Report relative to the General Synod.

After much deliberation, it was

*Resolved*, That the word "definite" be stricken out of the seventh section of the Report.

The proposition to send a Delegate to the General Synod, for the purpose of conferring with that body and reporting to the Synod as to the possibility of a union with it upon a basis consistent with the position occupied by the Ohio Synod, was also struck out, whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Report, as amended, be adopted.

## REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

The committee to which was referred that part of the President's Report which has reference to the General Synod, had also the following documents put into their hands :

1. A letter from the Rev. J. N. Hoffman, President of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, directed to the President of this Synod.
2. A letter from the Rev. G. A. Reichert to the President, together with an address of a committee of the Rev. Synod of Pennsylvania, consisting of Revs. G. A. Reichert, Dr. J. C. Becker and F. W. Geisenhainer.

These two documents are adjuncts to the historical facts adverted to by the President in his report. There was also put into our hands by the Rev. Dr. Demme :

3. Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, in reference to business with the General Synod.
4. Resolutions of the same Body in reference to our Confession of Faith.



Also, the following documents from Pastoral Charges :

5. Resolutions from the Congregations of Pastor Bierdeman.
6. Resolutions of Pastor Baechler's Congregation.
7. Resolutions of a number of churchmembers in Carrol county, Ohio, in reference to union with the General Synod.

After mature, earnest and prayerful examination of all the documents, the committee begs leave to offer the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we sincerely rejoice to observe, in all parts of the Lutheran Church, a constantly increasing desire to unite together upon the basis of genuine Lutheran doctrine. We thank God for the revival of attachment to the doctrines of the Church in ourselves and in others ; and beseech the Father of all mercies still to carry forward this good work, until it is perfected in the re-union of all parts of our Church.

2. *Resolved*, That we agree with our fathers and brethren of the Synod of Pennsylvania, that the union of all Lutheran Synods in one body, is highly desirable ; and that we are convinced that, certain premises being admitted, the determination of said Synod to unite with the General Synod, has arisen from this conviction and from the purest motives.

3. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice that the Synod of Pennsylvania, before uniting with the General Synod, recognized the faithful accordance of our confessions with the word of God, as is exhibited in the following extract from its Resolutions :

"That it is not by any means intended hereby to diminish the absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures, but much rather to place it in the clearest light possible ; and that we by no means design, by means of the sym-bols, to place constraint upon the conscience, but much rather by them to bind the conscience to the word of God, as the divine source of truth."

4. That we tender our sincere thanks to the Synod of Pennsylvania that it has treated us with such brotherly regard as to remember us in this most important undertaking.

5. That we also agree with the opinion expressed by our worthy President in his Report, that the union of the Lutheran Church in a General Synod, would be attended with many advantages ; especially with reference to the work of Missions, our Theological Seminaries and Institutions of learning, and the publication of such books as are required for use in our Churches generally.

6. That whilst we approve in general of the provisions of the Constitution of the General Synod, regulating the intercourse of its several district Synods with each other, on the other hand, we cannot but regret that that body does not distinctly and unreservedly acknowledge at least the unaltered Augsburg Confession, the fundamental confession of our Church, as a correct exponent of the teachings of Holy Writ.

7. That we, therefore, regret that, under these circumstances, we cannot yet take any steps towards a union with that body.

8. That our Secretary be directed to transmit the preceding resolutions to the Synod of Pennsylvania, with the assurance of our high regard, and with the expression of the hope that the General Synod will, ere long, assume such a position that we can co-operate in this important work of uniting the Church.

9. That we tender to the Synod of Western Pennsylvania our thanks for the interest manifested by it in this matter.

10. That that part of the Rev. President's Report submitted to us, be printed in connexion with the remainder of it in our minutes.

A. B. BIERDEMAN,  
ANDREW HENKEL,  
SAMUEL RAU,  
GEORGE BARRICK.



## TWELFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING,  
half past 7 o'clock.

After the session was opened, the third committee, which was appointed on letters, reported as follows:

## REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

No. 1, Is a letter from Br. Isensee, in which he states that he is prevented from being present at the Synod by sickness, and prays to be excused. He also remarks that J. C. Schulze will attend to his collections, contributions and Parochial Report at the proper place.

Your committee move that Br. Isensee be excused.

No. 2, Is a letter from Br. Barthels, in which he expresses his desire (on account of the state of his health) to withdraw from this Synod, and requests an honorable dismission. Br. Barthels expresses his thanks for all the kindness which he has experienced from this Synod during his connexion with it, and prays that the Lord will ever attend it with his blessings, constitute it a nursery of living faith and a bulwark against infidelity, a half faith, and all superstition.

Your committee move that the Synod give Br. Barthels an honorable dismission.

No. 3, Is a letter from Br. Schwertzerbarth, in which he wishes the Synod the blessing of God, and states that pulmonary affection would not permit his coming to the Synod; he begs to be excused.

Your committee move that he be excused.

No. 4, Is a communication from Br. J. G. Sinke, in which he states that he only a few days ago received the information that an Extra Session of this Synod was to be held, and the time was too short for him to undertake the journey.

He requests the Synod on this account to excuse his absence from the Synod. Brother Sinke further states that if Synod would appoint him a missionary among the Indians, that both he and his wife are willing to spend their lives in serving the poor Indians.

Your committee move that Brother Sinke be excused, and that so much of his letter as refers to a mission among the Indians, be submitted to the committee on Missions, &c.

J. J. FAST,  
P. GAST,  
D. SPARKS.

The brethren above mentioned were excused.

Another committee, also on letters, now reported the following, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your committee respectfully report the following :

No. 1 is a letter of apology for absence from Synod, from Pastor Heincke, in which he assigns feeble health as the reason of his absence from the Synod.

No. 2 contains important reasons from Brother Heincke against the union of this body with the General Synod.

No. 3 Pastor Heincke recommends the introduction of the English Hymn Book published by the General Synod, (the revised edition,) without the Formula.

In regard to No. 1, the committee move that Father Heincke be excused.

In reference to No. 2, the committee only remark that the matter has already been disposed of.

In reference to No. 3, your committee move that the recommendation of said Hymn Book be taken into consideration.

Respectfully,

GEORGE SPENGLER,  
A. MICHAELIS,  
V. KLEIN,  
A. F. DEWALT.

*Resolved*, That Pastor Heincke be excused.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

## THIRTEENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1853, }  
8 o'clock, A. M }

After the session was opened with singing and prayer, as usual, the committee on the subject of a mission among the Indians, reported.

*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

## REPORT UPON MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on the subject brought before the Synod by the Northern District, viz: the establishment of a Mission among the *Indians*, respectfully present to the Synod the following :

In accordance with the command of the Lord, "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the Gospel to every *creature*, &c., (Math. 28,) it is the duty of the Christian Church to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation in Jesus Christ to all heathens.

In order to discharge this duty, every part of the Church, yea, every Christian, should, according to the measure of grace and gifts entrusted to him, exert himself in the sacred cause of missions; and this so much the more when he considers:

a, The lamentable condition of the poor heathen, that they are without God, without Christ, without comfort, and without the hope of eternal life!

b, What returns of blessings result to congregations whose active labors in this cause the Lord crowns with success. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod commence the work of Missions among the heathen, first among the Indians, as they are nearest to us, and appoint a superintending committee of nine members to conduct, with God's aid, this holy and important work, in the name of this Synod.

2. That in regard to the Missionary field, we first direct attention to the Indians in the State of Texas, for the reason that this class of persons are very numerous in that State, and upon various grounds the hope may be indulged that Missionary operations would meet with less opposition in that quarter than in some other places.

3. That in regard to a suitable Missionary, the superintending committee, after careful examination, as soon as possible call an efficient, faithful and humble man, with whom candidate Sinke, who has already labored among the Indians several years, and who (as appears from his communication to the Synod,) still desires to labor among them, might be associated.

4. That it would be desirable, in order to awaken and preserve a Missionary spirit in our congregations, to acquaint them with the condition of the Indians and heathen in general, and to encourage an active co-operation in the Missionary work; that in course of time a German Missionary paper might be published. But until this be accomplished, Mr. Ludwig, the publisher of the "HEROLD," be requested to open the columns of his paper for this purpose.

Respectfully,

GEO. CRONENWETT,  
GEO. DOEPKEN,  
W. SIGELEN.

*Resolved*, That the President, in accordance with these resolutions, appoint a committee to superintend a Mission among the Indians, and report to this body at its next Convention.

The President appointed as said committee, Reverends S. CRONENWETT, H. LANG, J. J. BEILHARTZ, J. KRAUSS, C. SPIELMAN, E. GREENWALD, and Professors REYNOLDS, LEHMAN and ESSICK.

The reports of the committees of the several District Synods, on the English Hymn Book, were now read, and after some deliberation, it was

*Resolved*, That the Reports be laid on the table, and that the matter be left to the several District Synods.

The Executive Committee of the Lutheran Standard now reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:



## REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

The Publishing Committee of the Lutheran Standard respectfully beg leave to report,

That the number of subscribers to that paper is at present 1,150, a small increase over the number reported to the Synod at Canton.

The aggregate liabilities (exclusive of a small amount

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| due contributors in 1842-3,) are..... | \$124 11 |
| Cash on hand .....                    | 26 00    |

The printing press was during the last year sold by the committee for \$150 00, and this amount was applied to the payment of debts due the Seminary from the Standard. The paper is at present printed on one of Messrs. Scott & Bascom's power presses, with type belonging to the Standard establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LEHMAN,  
C. SPIELMAN,  
E. GREENWALD,  
L. HEYL,  
C. ALBRECHT.

*Resolved*, That the balance of the funds in the hands of Rev. C. Spielman, which have been secured from the sale of the English Hymnbook, published by the Synod of Ohio, after the payment of all the debts, be put into the Synodical Treasury.

*Resolved*, That the committee on Church Practice be continued, and report at the next regular session of this Synod.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Synod be always printed in the same form.

*Resolved*, That there be 1,200 copies of the proceedings of this Convention printed in the German, and 800 in the English language.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Pastors of this city, W. F. Lehman and E. Greenwald, be requested to tender to their respective congregations, on next Lord's Day, the sincere gratitude of this body, for the love and hospitality which they have manifested to us.

*Resolved*, That the appointing of the place for the next regular Convention of this Synod, be left to the officers.

May the blessing of the Lord rest upon that which has been transacted, to the glory of his name, and the well-fare of his Church. Amen.

That the above was thus transacted,

Attest,

D. ROTHACKER,

Secretary.

## APPENDIX A.

### DRAFT OF A CONSTITUTION FOR THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

#### PREAMBLE.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

For the establishment of the unity, peace and efficiency of the Church, both among ourselves and in our relations with our brethren in other parts of our common country; for the preservation of purity of doctrine and propriety of practice, by the Christian Government of the Church, both as a whole and in its several parts; for the supply of suitable pastors and teachers to all the congregations united with us; and in order that we may, so far as in us lies, fulfil the plain direction of our risen Lord, to "*go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*," and especially to the scattered members of our own household of faith, and others whom we may consider as commended unto us by the relations in which we stand to them: We, the representatives of the various Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, &c., for which we act as Pastors and Delegates, do establish, for ourselves and our successors, the following

#### SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION:

##### ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and other States."

##### ARTICLE II.

This Synod shall be composed of Representatives from all Evangelical Lutheran Synods now united in the existing Synod of Ohio, and of such other Synods as may, from time to time, adopt this Constitution, and with us, adhere to the doctrines of the Word of God, as set forth in the Symbolical books of the Lutheran Church generally, or at least as taught in the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Shorter Catechism.

##### ARTICLE III.

Each Synod connected with this body shall be entitled to send Delegates to it, in the following ratio: Each Synod composed of six Ministers and the same number of regularly organized Congre-

gations, shall be allowed to send *two Delegates*, one Lay and one Clerical, and so proportionately for every additional six Ministers and Congregations, until the whole number of members entitled to vote in the Synod, amounts to fifty; after which, the Synod may, if it see proper, so increase the ratio of Representation that the number of Delegates may not be too great for the convenient despatch of business, burthensome to the Congregation in which they meet, nor unduly expensive to the Synods sending them. Provided always, that any Synod admitted into this body shall be entitled to at least two Delegates, as aforesaid, whether they have the full number of Ministers and Congregations, agreed upon as the basis of Representation, or not.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Synods applying for connection with this body, and possessed of the qualifications specified in Article II., shall be admitted by a vote of the majority of the Delegates present in any meeting of the Synod before which said application is made, and shall be called "*District Synods.*"

#### ARTICLE V.

The duties of this Synod shall be as follows:

1. It shall examine the proceedings of the several District Synods connected with it, and give its advice in any matter brought before it by Resolutions of said Synods, or contained in their Minutes, and upon which it may think proper to express its opinion. To this end each District Synod shall forward to every regular meeting of the Synod a correct and duly authenticated copy of its Minutes, which shall be carefully examined and reported upon by a Committee appointed for that special purpose.

2. It shall establish and provide for the proper government of such Literary and Theological Institutions as are needed for the promotion of Education; and especially for the supply of the Church with a sufficient number of well qualified and faithful Ministers of the gospel, and shall superintend Missionary operations.

3. It shall endeavor to furnish the Church with suitable liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, (correct editions and translations of both of Luther's catechisms, and suitable explanations of the same,) and such other books as the spiritual wants of the Church may call for; appoint committees for superintending the publication of religious newspapers, and the like. It may also propose to the District Synods suitable constitutions for their government, and a system of discipline for congregations. But no Synod shall be required to adopt such a constitution, nor any discipline be forced upon congregations, only in so far that it shall be the duty of each Synod and of every congregation, to adopt and properly enforce a becoming system of church government, which, however, shall contain nothing inconsistent with the fundamental principles of this constitution.



4. Should difficulties unfortunately arise between different District Synods in its connection, which said Synods cannot settle to their mutual satisfaction, the matter shall be referred to this body by the party considering itself aggrieved, and shall, after due investigation, and hearing of both parties, be decided by this body, delegates of the Synods implicated being allowed full liberty of speech, but not permitted to vote upon any proposition relative to the dispute in the decision of which the Synod which they represent is interested.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The several District Synods united with this body shall have power to form and amend their own constitutions, so far as not inconsistent with this constitution, especially Art. II of the same, but may recommend any changes of constitution, or propose any measures for its action to which it is competent by its constitution; they shall co-operate with it in the work of Education and of Missions, but establish no Literary or Theological Institution without its approbation; examine, license and ordain ministers; supply all congregations within their bounds with the word and ordinances of religion; form and divide pastoral districts with the consent of the parties concerned; watch over the purity of their members in life and doctrine; hear and decide all charges made against their ministerial members; and provide for the edification and proper Christian discipline of all congregations connected with them.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Vice President, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee, all of whom shall hold their office from one regular session to another, and shall be re-eligible as often as a majority of votes of all the members present shall so decide. But none of these officers shall be considered elected when they have only received a plurality of the votes cast.

1. The President shall act as Chairman of this body, and shall have the same right to speak and vote as any other member, but when he wishes formally to address the Synod in the discussion of any question brought before it, he shall resign his seat to the Vice President, or, if he is absent, appoint a chairman pro tem. He shall sign the Minutes and other documents or letters prepared by order of Synod, appoint committees not otherwise provided for, and, when requested in writing, as hereafter provided for in this Constitution, shall call a special meeting of Synod, for which he shall fix the place and time. He shall also, with the concurrence of the pastor loci, appoint the ministers who are to preach during the Synodical Convention, unless they have been previously provided for by the Synod, and in case of the absence of any speaker appointed by previous resolution of the Synod, he shall endeavor to have his place supplied.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and, in case of his death, resignation or inability to act, shall discharge his duties.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the Minutes of the Synod, prepare them for publication as ordered by the Synod, furnish authenticated extracts from them when called upon for said purpose, preserve an exact transcript of the same in a book provided for the purpose, take care of all documents belonging to the Synod, give at least two months notice of its regular meetings, and three months notice of special meetings. He shall also be present at the meeting of the Synod during his election, call the Synod to order and open it, by giving out a hymn suitable to be sung, and by prayer; after which he shall receive the credentials and enroll the names of the delegates present, who shall thereupon proceed to elect officers, for which purpose he shall appoint tellers to count the votes and declare the result of the election, which shall be held by ballot.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on any correspondence ordered by Synod for which provision is not otherwise made, and shall also assist the Recording Secretary in preparing the Minutes during the Synodical sessions, and in his absence perform all his duties during the Synodical session.

5. The Treasurer shall be a layman, who shall take charge of all monies belonging to the Synod not otherwise disposed of, keep a book with a full statement of his accounts, an abstract of which shall be presented by him at every regular meeting of the Synod, and whenever required by a resolution of the Synod.

6. The Executive committee shall consist of the officers just named, together with three others, laymen, who shall be elected by the Synod immediately before its adjournment, either from the delegates present or from the Church at large. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to conduct the affairs of the Synod during the intervals of its meetings, to attend to the execution of all resolutions not otherwise provided for, and do all in their power to carry out the general designs of this Synod, and through the President report all their proceedings and suggest what may seem necessary, to each meeting of the Synod.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

This Synod may, from time to time, make such regulations and bye laws for its government as it shall regard expedient.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The regular meetings of this Synod shall be held every two years, and special meetings shall be held whenever called for by the resolution of a District Synod, requested by five ordained ministers, or ordered by a majority of the Executive Committee. And all such calls for special meetings shall be forwarded in writing to the President, who shall, as soon as possible, through the Recording Secretary, announce the time and place of said meeting.

## ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present, the proposed amendment having been submitted to a previous meeting, and laid before each District Synod, for which purpose the Recording Secretary shall immediately transmit to the President of each District Synod a correct transcript of the proposed alteration, which he shall lay before the Synod over which he presides in due time for its consideration, in order that its delegates may properly understand the views of the Synod which they represent; but no instructions of a Synod, either upon this or upon any other proposition, shall be so binding upon a delegate as to prevent him from acting and voting freely and conscientiously upon any question that may be submitted to the deliberation of the Synod of which he is a member.



## APPENDIX B.

### FORMULA FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION OF \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us all. Amen.

Forasmuch as we know God to be a God of order, who requires order of all his creatures, and daily experience teaches us that no society can exist without the same : We, the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_ Church hereby agree to adopt, observe, and obey the following Articles as the order and rule of government for our Congregation.

#### CHAPTER I. — OF THE PREACHER.

##### ARTICLE I.

The duties of the Preacher are chiefly as follows : To preach the Gospel, and to explain the word of God according to the teachings of the symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to conduct the public worship of God, (Eph. 4:11.12.) to instruct the young, (Matt. 28:20. John 21:15.) to administer the sacraments, and exhort men to fulfil their duties, and also, by all suitable means, public and private, to edify the Church of Christ.

##### ARTICLE II.

It is the duty of the Preacher to give his Congregation the example of a truly christian walk and conversation ; but should he err or become guilty of gross immoralities, (which, may God in mercy prevent !) it shall be the duty of the Church Council to admonish him, kindly and earnestly, several times, if necessary ; but, should he continue heedless, or become a stumbling block to the Church, then the matter shall be brought before the Synod to which he belongs.

#### CHAPTER II. — OF THE ELDERS AND DEACONS.

##### ARTICLE I.

The chief duties of the Elders are : To assist the Preacher in the administration of the government and discipline of the Church ;

to use their endeavors, that peace and concord be preserved in the Congregation; to visit the schools of the Church; promote the religious education and instruction of the youth of the Church; aid the Minister in visiting the sick and afflicted, and assist in the performance of all other duties pertaining to the Church Council.

#### ARTICLE II.

The duties of the Deacons are principally as follows: They must, as the Gospel requires, lead a blameless walk and conversation; they are to relieve the poor, faithfully distributing such funds or property, as may have been collected for this purpose; they must attend the public worship of God, and be ready to perform such service as may be needful, especially during the administration of the sacraments; they shall see that the teacher receive a reasonable and sufficient support, agreeably to the injunctions of our Lord, (1 Cor. 9:14;) attend to the secular concerns of the Congregation, and help in the performance of such other duties, as belong to the Church Council.

#### ARTICLE III.

The principal duties of the Trustees are: To take care that the deeds, and other important and useful papers of the Congregation, be carefully preserved; annually to designate a treasurer, and to see that the property of the Congregation be secured from damage and waste, and the buildings maintained in good preservation.

#### ARTICLE IV.

When persons have been elected to the offices of Elder, Deacon, or Trustee, they are to be consecrated according to the form prescribed in the Liturgy of the Church.

### CHAPTER III.—OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

#### ARTICLE I.

The Church Council is the highest judicatory of the Congregation, and consists of the Pastor, — Elders, — Deacons, and — Trustees; but should the Congregation, in the course of time, see proper to increase the number of Elders and Deacons, a majority of two-thirds shall be competent to make such alteration.

#### ARTICLE II.

The Minister and one-half of the other actual members of the Council, or in the necessary absence of the Minister, two-thirds of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE III.

Proceedings relating to Church Discipline, can be had only when the Minister is present, unless his absence be unavoidable or volun-

tary on his part, or when the Congregation has no Minister. When present, the Minister is President, ex-officio.

#### ARTICLE IV.

No one can be admitted as a fit candidate for confirmation, who has not previously attended a course of religious lectures, delivered by the Pastor, on the fundamental doctrines of the christian religion, according to the explicit command of Christ, (Matt. 28:20,) unless the Minister shall deem the applicant to possess a sufficient knowledge without such attendance. When adults are baptized, it should always, where practicable, take place in the presence of the Congregation.

#### ARTICLE V.

Should any member of the Church Council conduct himself in a manner unworthy of his station, the matter shall be investigated by the Council, and, if found guilty, he shall be dealt with as any other member of the Congregation would be, if convicted of an offense.

#### ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Council to enforce the discipline of the Church against all such as live in open violation of God's law, (Gal. 5:19,20,21,) and such as maintain erroneous views of the doctrines of the Church. For this purpose, it shall have power to require any member of the Congregation to appear before it, and if the nature of the case require it, to summon others as witnesses. If any member commits an offense, it shall be the duty of the Church Council, first to admonish him privately, and if it be found necessary, to call the person to an account before the Council; but, if these measures prove unavailing, to suspend such member; that is, to deny him the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper, of standing as sponsor in Baptism, so long as he shall remain impenitent or refractory. The Council shall also take care, that no person act as sponsor in Baptism, who has not been regularly admitted as a member of the Christian Church. When an illegitimate child is offered for Baptism, it shall be admitted to Baptism, but the parents of such child shall be admonished and exhorted to reformation of life, either by the Minister alone, or in the presence of the other members of the Council; if they repent and promise to amend their lives, they may stand for their child, or children, in Baptism.

#### ARTICLE VII.

A meeting of the Church Council may be called by the Minister at any time, and it shall be his duty to call a meeting, when required to do so by two-thirds of the Council, or by one-fourth of the voting members of the Congregation, or when recommended by the Synod.



## ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Church Council to keep a watchful eye upon the religious education of the young, to see that they be collected as often as possible, and instructed in the Catechism of the Church, and taught the doctrines and duties of christianity.

## CHAPTER IV.—OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

## ARTICLE I.

Every member of the church is accountable to the Council, and must appear before it, when required to do so, and submit to the discipline of the Church.

## ARTICLE II.

It is the duty of every member of the Church to fulfil all the duties, both public and private, belonging to the Christian worship of God, to which is required a sincere faith and Christian conduct, a regular attendance on public worship as well as a frequent participation of the Lord's Supper, neither of which should be neglected whenever an opportunity is offered. It shall be the duty of parents to consecrate their children to God in Holy Baptism, (Acts 2:39; Col. 2:11,12;) to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to instruct them in the doctrines of the Church, and to instil into their minds due respect for its order. And when young persons have arrived at a suitable age, and possess the natural abilities, it is their duty, after previous Catechetical instruction and confirmation, to appear at the Holy Altar of the Lord, as worthy communicants.

## ARTICLE III.

It is incumbent on such as wish to bring children to Holy Baptism, to inform one of the Deacons beforehand. Baptism, being a sacrament, should always take place in the Church where circumstances make it practicable.

## CHAPTER V.—OF ELECTIONS.

## ARTICLE I.

The election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, shall take place annually, on——, of which the Congregation shall always be notified at least two weeks previously.

## ARTICLE II.

There shall be chosen every year —— Elders, and —— Deacons, whose time of service shall continue —— years, so that of

the Elders and Deacons, constituting the church Council, according to Chap. III, Art. I, of this Formula, one half shall be renewed annually.

### ARTICLE III.

The voting members of this Evangelical Lutheran Congregation are such as have been authorized in confirmation to participate in all the privileges of the Church, hold to the doctrines of the Church, and by participating in the use of the Sacraments, and contributing to the support of the Minister and other necessary expenditures, show their adherence and submission to the order of the Church.

### ARTICLE IV.

No person shall be chosen a church officer, who is not in full communion with the Church, and does not lead a Christian life.

### ARTICLE V.

When the Congregation shall be vacant, and an election be held for a Minister, two-thirds of all the voting members of the Congregation shall be necessary to a choice; and in case the choice be not unanimous, it is recommended that the officer presiding over the election invite the minority to concur in the decision of the majority. Said officer shall furnish the Congregation with a certificate of such election signed by himself. Such certificate, together with a statement of the support proposed to be given, shall constitute a lawful call to the Minister therein named.

### ARTICLE VI.

At elections for officers of the Church, the Council then in office having proposed two candidates for every member to be chosen, the election shall proceed.

## CHAPTER VI.—MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

### ARTICLE I.

It shall not be lawful for any person to preach in ——— Church without permission of the Minister and Church Council, and in the absence of the Minister, of the whole Council. It is expected that every strange Clergyman, who wishes to preach in this Church, should produce satisfactory testimonials from some member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, &c., before he can be permitted to preach in ——— Church.

## ARTICLE II.

It is the duty of the Treasurer to collect and disburse all moneys relating to buildings, and to account for them to the Congregation, which account shall be submitted yearly to the Council, on the day of meeting for the choice of Church officers. See Chap. V., Art. 1.

## ARTICLE III.

This discipline, with the exception of Chapter I., Art. I., and Chapter V., Art. 3., may be altered or amended at any time, so soon as two thirds of the Congregation may require it.

## ARTICLE IV.

Finally, we bind ourselves by the signature of our name, sacredly to regard and keep the foregoing discipline as our rule and law, in the government of this Congregation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Church, \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church.  
 Minister,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Council,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Other members,  
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